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SUBJECT: TAIWAN ON EXBS TRAINING

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1. (U) Action Request para 10.

2. (SBU) Summary: AIT met with Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) Director Peter Ho on March 8, 2005 to discuss arrangements for the March 22-25 EXBS Training on export control laws and regulations. Ho expressed eagerness for the training and hoped that it will go well. BOFT will provide at no charge a venue, interpreters, box lunches, and a dinner. BOFT asked if the number of participants could be increased to 30-35, if AIT could give opening remarks and host one dinner, and Ho suggested topics BOFT would like to see trainers address. Separately, DPP Policy Chief Ker Chien-ming told AIT that he would send one of his staffers to attend the training. Ker suggested that we invite representatives of other political parties as well. AIT is preparing a separate clearance cable. End summary.

BOFT Wants Successful Training Event  
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3. (SBU) Director Ho said BOFT was anxious that the EXBS training go well and that in order to facilitate arrangements BOFT would provide at no charge a suitable venue and interpretation. However, he noted that it was BOFT practice to use consecutive, rather than simultaneous interpreters and hoped this would not be a problem. (Note: AIT/Econ believes consecutive interpretation is more effective for this type of training.) Ho said BOFT has a suitable conference room at its headquarters in Taipei. BOFT offered to provide box lunches for each day of the training and to host a dinner for all participants one evening. Director Ho was pleased to see that the draft agenda has been modified to give opportunity for Taiwan speakers to make presentations on Taiwan's export control laws and catch-all provisions. His office has already prepared an inch-thick book containing Chinese and English versions of relevant Taiwan laws that will be distributed to participants. Ho said he would arrange for his Director General Franco Huang (Chih-peng) to give some opening remarks. He suggested that AIT provide a speaker to give 5-10 minutes of opening remarks and that AIT host a dinner on one evening.

Request to Increase Number of Participants  
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4. (SBU) Director Ho said BOFT hoped to invite participants to the training from all the various agencies involved in export control: 1) Bureau of Foreign Trade, 2) Ministry of Justice Prosecutors, Office, 3) Industrial Development Bureau, 4) National Science Council (which drafted the technology protection bill currently stuck in the legislature), 5) Ministry of National Defense, 6) Ministry of Justice Investigative Bureau, 7) National Security Bureau, 8) National Security Council, 9) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 10) Customs, 11) Coast Guard, 12) Atomic Energy Commission, 13) Science Park Administration Bureau, 14) and up to four staffers from the Legislative Yuan. Ho asked if the number of participants could be increased to 30-35 to accommodate representatives of all these agencies.

Some Specific Questions and Suggestions  
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5. (SBU) Director Ho indicated that there were some specific questions that Taiwan agencies would like the EXBS trainers to address. He mentioned cases involving the re-export from Taiwan to China of U.S.-origin silicon wafer production equipment and asked for clarification on what, if any, licenses were required from the USG for these re-exports. He mentioned wide interest in the export control laws of other countries, in particular, Japan and South Korea. Ho suggested that a group photo, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, and daily wrap-up sessions be added to the agenda. He raised the possibility that, if there was interest, on the final afternoon of the conference BOFT could arrange some offsite activity for participants such as a call on/briefing for Taiwan's legislature, or visits to high-tech manufacturing or port facilities. (Note: AIT/Econ has for months been urging Taiwan to pass legislation on restricting technology transfers.)

16. (SBU) Director Ho will be traveling with a delegation of 11 other Taiwan officials from March 12-19 in order to attend a non-proliferation and confidence building workshop in New Mexico sponsored by Sandia Labs and the Monterey Institute. Ho thought that the goal of the workshop was to prevent a cross-Strait nuclear conflict. He noted that one of the featured speakers was a professor from Fudan University in China.

#### AIT Urges Legislative Support for Export Controls

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17. (SBU) In a meeting on March 7, DPP Policy Chief and LY Member Ker Chien-ming told AIT that he would watch over legislation related to export controls and do his best to ensure passage. He specifically said he supported the "Science and Technology Protection Law" now pending and he supported efforts to further control Taiwan's exports to North Korea and Iraq. He indicated that in general Taiwan would follow the U.S. lead on export controls.

18. (SBU) Ker Chien-ming was pleased to learn of the planned EXBS training on laws and regulations and offered to send one of his staffers to attend the training. He also suggested that AIT invite representatives of other political parties to attend the training.

19. (C) Comment: Due to Taiwan's diplomatic isolation, officials here do not participate in or have direct lines of communication to multilateral organizations dealing with export control, law enforcement, or general customs issues. Taiwan officials are concerned that they be treated the same, and act the same, as officials in other countries. For this reason, we think it would be useful for trainers to bring copies of export control and "catch-all" legislation from countries such as Japan, Germany, Italy, and South Korea to allay Taiwan concerns. We also suggest that the trainers include a strong message of the importance and benefit to Taiwan of effective implementation of export control regulations. We believe that in addition to teaching how to draft export control legislation, the training can play a very valuable role in increasing understanding of the importance of export controls and building support for their strict implementation. In this regard, we believe outreach to the different political parties in Taiwan's legislature is particularly important. We fully support Ho's request to increase the number of participants in the training so we can accommodate legislative staffers as well as the executive agencies listed in para. 3. End Comment.

10. (U) Action Request: Please advise Washington agency views on 1) increasing the number of participants to 35; 2) BOFT proposals for venue, box lunches, and consecutive interpretation; and 3) BOFT request for topics to be addressed.  
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